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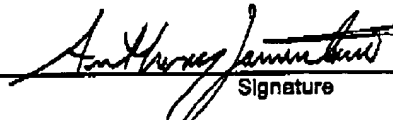
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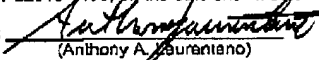
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Hiroshi Akita *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1745

For: PROTON CONDUCTIVE SOLID POLYMER  
ELECTROLYTE AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: K.D. Walker

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 19, 2006.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I encompassing claims 1-8 which is drawn to a solid polymer electrolyte (classified in Class 429, Subclass 309); and

Group II encompassing claims 9-15 drawn to a method of making solid polymer electrolyte (classified in Class 429, Subclass 321).

Further, with election of the invention of Group I, an election of Species is also required as follows:

I-a: claim 5

I-b: claim 6

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I-c: claim 7

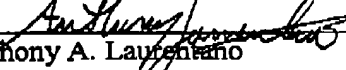
I-d: claim 8

**Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I-a, claim 5 for continued examination.**

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-080, under Order No. TOW-033 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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